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## BIG VOTE TURNED OUT

**Voters Here Tuesday Numbered 655—Some Hot Races Resulted.**

A big vote was cast at the election Tuesday for Keytesville township when the total shows that there had been 655 voters to the polls to cast their franchise. The fight was a heavy one and it seemed to be anyone's contest until the polls were closed. The last man was Ed Ewing who ran at the head of his ticket and polled a vote of 438 to Finnell's 197.

Another lively contest was that for Collector. At the time the polls closed it was figured that there was little to be chosen between the three, Brewer, Stephenson and Parker. Parker proved to be the winning man. The results are below:

Trustee—A. D. Hurt 330, L. B. Owens 309.

Collector—Ira Nix 115, Rector B. Brewer 109, Chas. Parker 208, John N. Stephenson 197.

Assessor—W. Roy Finnell 197, Ed. Ewing 438.

Constable—Sam J. Coy 271, J. Worsham 361.

Justice of Peace (2 elected)—John Q. Perkins 204, R. D. Edwards 437, James W. Cox 430.

Board Members (2 elected)—William Dougherty 280, J. E. Mitchell 409, J. W. Moritz 400.

### Mo. Township Officers

Tuesday the following were elected in Missouri township:

R. W. Goll, Trustee; George Young Collector; T. J. Brand Clerk and Assessor; John Bushkutter Constable; W. Dickson and J. Colson Justices and H. Weber and George Young Members of Board.

### Musselfork Township

Trustee, J. D. Ford; Justices, C. A. Clarkson, J. D. Cowser, Town board C. A. Clarkson, J. D. Cowser; Assessor, James Redding; Constable, F. P. Prather, Collector, F. P. Prather.

### Bowling Green

Trustee Lewis Miller; Clerk and Assessor C. F. Meyer; Collector A. G. Friesz; Constable Wm. Remmert Jr.; Justice Chas. E. Jaeger and D. L. Johnson; Board Geo. Bucksath and T. L. Kuntz.

### Cockrell

Trustee Robert Wright; Clerk Assessor Bert Smith; Collector Clarence McCurry; Constable Clarence McCurry; Justice S. F. Brewer and Ed. Chapman Board Will Hinkel and Jess Green.

### Arbor Day

Missouri Arbor Day is April 9. The Governor has proclaimed it and the state Superintendent public schools has gotten up a program which he suggests be carried out by all teachers, pupils and patrons of public schools.

Planting of the trees, vines and shrubs about school grounds is the main idea, but there are 15 numbers on the suggested program which our county superintendent has sent out to all teachers.

### Wild Duck Supper

The Moberly Democrat states under the Sunday issue that the Moberly Duck Hunter's Club gave a goose and duck dinner of wild birds at the Grand cafe Saturday night and fifteen of the members partook of the game. This seems to be a reliance on the virtue of the recent decision of the Federal court which declared the migratory bird law unconstitutional.

## Hazel Cash Dead

Hazel Cash, aged 10 years, 7 months and 27 days, died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Phillips at Osaloosa Iowa, where she had been living, March 26, and the remains were brought here for burial. The decedent was born in Keytesville. Her death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis. The remains were brought here last Sunday, by her aunt, Mrs. Phillips and were interred in the city cemetery with short services by Rev. Haynes at the grave. Those who came to attend the funeral and burial were Charles Fuller, Mrs. Vaughan and Louis Cash, of Moberly the latter the father of deceased.

## Salisbury Scribbles

J. B. Armstrong of Mexico was here Sunday.

On the grip list this week we find Rev. Pugh and Miss Ella J. Legg. Both are recovering and will soon be convalescent.

Eld. G. D. Edwards of Columbia will preach at the First Christian church Sunday morning and possibly at night.

J. F. Ownby of Kansas City spent the day here Tuesday, helping his brother W. H. in his race for constable and collector.

Mrs. Harry Hunter and son of Bevier who have been here on a visit have returned to their home followed by the good wishes of all our people.

Mrs. Burton east of town fell one day last week and fractured her hip. The injury is very painful and will keep her confined for some time.

The A. L. A. is moving to Kansas City this week and will take among others the families of L. H. Miles, Robt. Moore and Mrs. Griswold.

Mrs. Mary Ehrhardt, widow of the late J. H. Ehrhardt, died at her home north of town Monday night aged about 75 years. She was a splendid woman and has gone to the reward of the just.

Word comes of the death of Charles Lewis, near Lewis Mill, south of Forest Green and funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Rice at Asbury Wednesday. Deceased was about 50 years of age.

The Sunday school contest now on at the 1st Christian church will close next Sunday and both sides are putting forth all efforts in their power to win. The attendance last Sunday was 308 and the collection more than \$21.

A. J. Payton of Shannondale and Mrs. Lucy Green of this place were united in marriage Sunday evening by Rev. J. P. Rice at his home in the presence of a few select friends. They will make their home in Shannondale, and we wish them all the joys of wedded bliss.

Word was received here early Tuesday morning that Joe Daniel Richardson a prominent citizen of Clifton Hill had died suddenly, while out in the yard. For many years deceased owned a fine farm near the town named, but retired a few years ago and moved to town. He was highly respected as a neighbor and friend.

The election passed off quietly here Tuesday and resulted as follows: Trustee H. L. Hayes, (no opp.); Constable and collector B. I. Davis; Clerk and Ex-assessor H. T. Phelps, J. P., S. F. Trammel, E. H. Straub and John Legendre, Member Twp. Board Moses Gunn and Edward Spellman. This is a strong official team and we congratulate the winners and condole with the defeated. A trip up Salt river does not always mean oblivion.

## DORRANCE LITIGATION

**\$200,000 Claim in Estate Contested In Federal Court. Claimant Alleged Waif.**

Charles F. Dorrance, reputed son of John Dorrance, deceased, who owned the life estate in the fine 1000 acre farm four miles west of town and whose child or children by his last wife Emma now his widow, would inherit from the estate of the grandfather, is suing the executors of his grandfather's estate for \$200,000, the amount he will be entitled to if he proves himself the son of John and Emma Dorrance. The case has been in progress for a week or more before the United States District court in St. Louis, and the result is not yet known. Mrs. Emma Dorrance claims that Charles F. 24 years old is her son and his father John Dorrance. The testimony offered by the uncles and others interested in the estate is direct to the effect that John Dorrance and his wife Emma secured the child in 1891 when he was but a month old, from St. Ann's Foundling Asylum in St. Louis, to rear him, and that the records of the asylum show that fact.

Sister Angela, one of the nurses at the asylum, whose name in the world was Anne Rainey, testified that:

"Mrs. Dorrance told me that she was childless and never would have a child therefore she and her husband were taking the baby so it would inherit property they had. They wanted their adoption of the infant kept secret, and Mrs. Dorrance remained at the institution two weeks that she might accustom herself to the care of the infant. She occupied room No. 20 on St. Charles Hall, the sister said.

She told Sister Angela she was directed to the asylum by a priest at Hot Springs, Ark. Her husband came there to visit her and wanted to take her away from the hospital but she would not go until she became used to caring for the baby. The infant was bottle fed, and Mrs. Dorrance said she would hide the bottle in the folds of her dress to further convince people that the child was hers."

Sister Angela said Mrs. Dorrance returned to the asylum eleven years later, and asked the Mother Superior, Sister Ann Frances, if the records couldn't be changed so that it would appear the baby boy was born to her there. The Mother Superior refused.

Sister Angela then identified the records showing when the Dorrances took the infant. She identified a picture of Dorrance shown her, and identified Mrs. Dorrance, who sat in the court room.

She also told how a baby was born at St. Ann's during Mrs. Dorrance's stay there, and this infant was more attractive than the baby Mrs. Dorrance had taken, which was not a very good looking baby. The sisters suggested that Mrs. Dorrance exchange infants, but she would not do so, saying she already had become attached to the baby boy from the City Hospital.

Suit was filed by attorneys John P. Leahy and Joseph Wheelless against Mrs. Emma Dorrance for \$7500 which they claim for fee due them in divorce proceeding and for which they claim the court had made allowance. John Dorrance secured a divorce in St. Louis about 1905 and Mrs. Dorrance contested it later, the Supreme court in 1912 setting aside the decree of the St. Louis circuit court. It was

during the separation that John Dorrance had much to say concerning his wife and the boy Charles, which is now reverberating in the suit for the fortune.

### Triplet

Mrs. J. S. Shippe is reported quite sick.

Miss Edna Silvers was in Carrollton Saturday.

Clarence Reed is visiting his mother Mrs. D. A. Woods.

J. M. Dameron of Keytesville was a Triplet visitor Sunday.

Miss Carrie Littler of Pee Dee is visiting Miss Hazel Harmond.

Mrs. R. B. Havener has returned from a visit at Windsor.

Lyle Linton the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Crofts is quite sick.

Miss Catherine Moritz was in Carrollton the latter part of the week.

Miss Edna Hines of Sumner spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

County Supt. C. C. Carlstead, visited the school in this vicinity last week.

J. A. Hooper of Salisbury was in town on business the latter part of the week.

Mrs. L. Whaley of Salisbury is visiting her daughter Mrs. Jackson Crockett.

Mrs. Silvers came in Friday afternoon after an extended stay in Excelsior Springs.

Miss Nellie O'Connell of Sumner spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. J. A. Twyman visited her sister Mrs. Bruce Kinsey of Whitham the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stobaugh of Sumner visited their son Chas. and family Thursday and Friday.

Miss Anna Hampton returned home Friday from a visit with her sister Mrs. H. B. Caton of St. Louis.

Mrs. Blanch Barnes visited her niece Miss Mary Wires at Pattonburg from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. G. G. Gallatin returned home last Wednesday from a 10 day stay in Kansas City. She reports her daughter Miss Norma as improving.

Misses Courtney Jackson, Irma Bonds, Ruth Shewalter, Grace Shewalter and Mrs. F. K. Shewalter were in Chillicothe shopping Saturday.

"A Family affair" given by home talent at the opera house last Thursday evening was well put on and was very much appreciated by the audience.

Mrs. Thurmond, formerly a milliner of this place but now located in Brunswick has opened a branch millinery store in building recently vacated by Mrs. Havener 108 store. The store will be in charge of the Guillod sisters.

### Shipped Bradshaw Cattle

The Bradshaw cattle were shipped to the St. Louis market Monday. The cattle consisted of about fifty head, part aged steers and there also was a bunch of hogs. The cattle filled two cars and part of another, the latter being a car of mixed cattle and hogs. The shipment was accompanied by Howard Bradshaw. The cattle had been on pasture last fall and had been fed since.

### A Surprise Party.

A party was given Saturday night at the home of Ed Grotjan west of town. The affair was in the nature of a surprise and was for Miss Mamie Grotjan. A few went from here.

## WILKS HOME BURNED

**Morning Fire Burns Neat Residence to the Foundation Monday.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilks was burned to the foundation by a fire Monday morning. Most of the household goods were saved but the residence was a total loss.

The fire commenced about 9:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Wilks had been to the country at the home of Mrs. Wilks parents Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore. They drove home and had been there but a half hour. The fire in the kitchen was started and the negro girl who started it went to a neighbor's house for something. When the negro returned she saw the roof of the house was on fire.

The fire alarm was given and neighbors turned out to see what could be done. The fire started in the gable of the roof. No ladder could be found to reach the flames and the fire had such a start that nothing could be done to quench the flames. All that could be done was to save the adjoining buildings.

By dint of hard work, the office now housing the plant of the Warner Electric Co. and garage and other sheds at the rear of the house were saved. Mr. Wilks ran his machine out of the garage early during the fire. The sheds were ablaze at times but the firemen held it down. The wind blew from the north and west and swept the flames and heat over the open space towards the Minter & Lamkin office, thus saving adjoining houses from being fired. Had the wind been from another direction the loss would have been much greater.

The house was a substantial one of the two stories and a year or two ago Mr. Wilks had added a big porch at the cost of \$500. By a strange coincidence, the insurance would have expired April 2. The loss is a big one to Mr. Wilks and is deeply regretted by his friends and acquaintances.

### Ad Lewis

Ad Lewis, one of the old time darkies of this neighborhood, died at the Hyde farm last Saturday evening. He had been for years a resident of this town. He died at the age of 83 years and 5 months. Lewis was one of the well known character's of the town.

### "Nigger Jim" Dead

James Ewing, better known to the people of this vicinity as "Nigger Jim" died at the county Infirmary, Tuesday, at the age of 34 years. He had been at the county farm for 24 years at least, ever since the present superintendent took charge.

### Jim Cason Home

After being in the infirmary at St. Joseph for the past six years, Jim Cason, colored, returned to this place Sunday. He seemed to be in better condition mentally than formerly and wanted to get back to Marse Hurt's.

The senior editor lost part of a gold plug put in one of his molars by Dr. D. J. McMillen in 1879. The cost \$3.50 for it at that time was considered pretty steep, but city prices for such work now would cause extraction if not distraction. The tooth was in perfect condition for a new plug, another indication of the quality of the old time work done with a mallet and punch.

## Circuit Court Cases

The record of the circuit court continue to amplify with suits for the next of court. There are several persons who seek escape from the marital knot that chafes a little as they march along the rough road.

Belle Ray asked divorce from Ed Ray. They were married in 1904 and parted in 1914. The wife says that her husband worked on the Frisco and that at Memphis he had a doll named "Mabel", whom he admitted to be a friend of his after his wife had received a letter that had been written by Ray to Mabel.

Bessie Evans wants a divorce from Oliver Evans, whom she married in 1903 and parted from ten years later. She says he has failed to provide for herself and family of five children. She asks \$40 per month for separate maintenance for herself and children, one born in February and the others 2, 5, 9 and 11 years of age.

Mary Prather asks relief from the bonds that unite her with Pollard Prather. They have been married five years and the husband left her in March. She says he has been drunk and a poor provider of late.

H. W. Kaneer et al have brought suit for partition against G. Graham et al. The partition is asked of 100 acres, the estate of late William Kaneer, this being the sw nw 23; & 60 a of the hf ne 55-52-18.

R. L. Robertson has sued T. L. Krug for a note for \$300.

E. H. Hamilton as administrator of the estate of J. N. Hamilton has entered suit against the Wabash for \$10,000 damages for the death of J. N. Hamilton at Moberly while the latter was with a shipment of cattle to the St. Louis market.

Other men indicted for alleged tax-dodging and whose names did not appear in the last issue of the Courier are:

Lazar Loeb, Heber L. Hayes, S. T. Craven, Lewis Stender, John Gladback, William McCulley and E. H. Hamilton.

### The Church's Weakness

Rev. Meyers of the Methodist church, who has the excellent habit of handling sin without gloves, gave a few of the reasons Sunday night why he thought the churches and the true spirit of religion has not prospered in this town and other county places. He deprecated the too strong regard for little differences of creed and doctrine and said to many people placed too much stress there on. He said the churches should work together. It ought not be so much a matter of getting new members for and one church as it was for getting men into the kingdom of God and leading Christian lives, in what ever church they desire to go. He said a citizen stated a few days ago that he believed two churches and possibly one would be enough in this town instead of four. The minister did not say he agreed with this view but he intimated that he felt that if there were fewer churches here those in the town could employ stronger men in the ministry and unite their efforts toward good with better result than heretofore and pay pastors a living salary. He urged the leaving behind of narrow mindedness in viewing God's word and work and urging the broad minded doctrine of salvation for all in any church.

J. J. McFarland who has been in bad health for some time past was in town Tuesday, having recovered from his indisposition. His friends complimented him on his fine condition of health.